

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	DOCKET NOS. SPU-02-11 SPU-02-13
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THIRD ORDER REVISING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued October 28, 2002)

On August 19, 2002, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order docketing these two appeals from decisions of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, consolidating them for hearing, and setting a procedural schedule. By order issued September 12, 2002, the procedural schedule was revised. Pursuant to the revised schedule, the testimony of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) and any interveners was due on October 7, 2002, the rebuttal testimony of Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint), and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), would be due on October 24, 2002, and the hearing was scheduled for November 19, 2002.

On October 1, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a motion for an extension of time to file its direct testimony, from October 7, 2002, to October 14, 2002. Qwest stated that it did not oppose a similar extension in the time for Level 3 and Sprint to submit reply testimony. Further, Qwest requested an opportunity to file surrebuttal testimony seven days following the date Level 3 and Sprint file their

rebuttal testimony, which would have been just seven business days before the scheduled hearing. Qwest stated it was seeking the opportunity to file surrebuttal testimony because of its belief that Level 3 and Sprint would provide detailed testimony regarding virtual NXX usage in their rebuttal.

The Board granted Qwest's request for extension of time and extended the date for the filing of rebuttal testimony by seven days, as well. The Board did not rule upon the motion to file surrebuttal testimony.

On October 14, 2002, Qwest and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed prepared testimony. The testimony filed by Qwest and Iowa Telecom makes it clear that substantial issues regarding virtual NXX services, numbering resource utilization, intercarrier compensation, and local number portability should be considered by the Board in this docket. In order to allow for assembly of an adequate record on these issues, the Board will modify the procedural schedule and allow the parties additional time and opportunity to file prepared testimony. This will require rescheduling the hearing in this docket. The next available hearing date on the Board's calendar begins on Tuesday, February 4, 2003.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The procedural schedule in this docket is modified as follows:

- a. Level 3, Sprint, and any intervenors aligned with their interests may file rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before December 2, 2002.

b. Consumer Advocate, Qwest, Iowa Telecom, and any other interveners not aligned with Level 3 and Sprint shall file surrebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before January 6, 2003.

c. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 9 a.m. on February 4, 2003, in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear at the hearing one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

d. Any party desiring to file a brief may do so on or before February 18, 2003.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of October, 2002.